

WOMEN CONFIDENT OF WINNING FIGHT

Claim Merchants Are With Them in Printers' Battle.

BEGIN WORKING AT ONCE

Assert That Friends by the Score Have Come Forward With Offers to Help.

"We feel that the fight of the men for the eight-hour day is our fight, and it's our duty to help them to win it," said Mrs. Bert V. Wolfe, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, No. 13, of Columbia Typographical Union, No. 10, to a Times reporter the other day. "The plan suggested by the men at our recent mass meeting, that we use our influence with the merchants with whom we trade is a good one, and we will put it into effect at once. In our fight for the men we will ask all our friends to join us. "Any number of our friends have already come forward to endorse our position and to assure us of their hearty cooperation in this fight. The eight-hour law, I believe, is almost universally observed by employers everywhere, and we think it but fair that it should apply to the printers.

Same Treatment for All. "Our information is that nearly two-thirds or more of the printers in Washington are working on the eight-hour basis and receiving the union scale of wage. Now why should not the other third receive the same treatment? We have received many letters of encouragement from merchants who have assured us their support, and when the merchants, who are supported by our trade, understand that all organized labor is vitally interested in the principle involved in our fight, they will not hesitate to throw us their influence, and with that victory is won.

Speaking of the object and purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Wolfe said: "Our aim is to promote the sale of union-made goods, thereby increasing the demand for such articles. When we go into a store to purchase a manufactured article we always ask to be shown the union label.

Women Should Organize. "The wives, mothers, and daughters of trades union men should do as we have done, organize auxiliary unions to help along the good cause, to increase the use of the union label by insisting on having only union-made goods, and by doing this they would stimulate the demand for union labor, which means a living wage and decent hours of labor, and added prosperity to the community. It's the women folk who spend the money earned by the husband and father, and the women, by concerted action, can do much toward bettering the condition of the breadwinner by giving their patronage to the merchant who employs union labor and sells union-made goods. That is the purpose and aim of the Woman's Auxiliary, No. 13, and we gain a little ground almost every day.

WIVES, MOTHERS, AND SISTERS TAKE UP THE PRINTERS' CAUSE



MRS. BERT V. WOLFE, President of Woman's Auxiliary of Columbia Typographical Union, Leads the Fight.

POLISH VIOLINIST DIES WATCHING OTHERS FEAST

Gazes Through Porthole of Hamburg-American Liner on Splendor of Captain's Birthday Banquet.

NEW YORK, March 31.—An incident similar in its sharp contrasts to Dickens' famous Christmas story of the man dying of hunger when only a wall separated him from a family dinner party, took place on board the Hamburg-American liner Graf Waldersee, Wednesday night a week ago. A banquet was being held in celebration of Captain Kreech's fifty-sixth birthday, and a jolly party was gathered in the dining saloon. Song followed toast, and the band helped enliven the occasion by playing patriotic airs. Among the stateroom passengers was a

young Pole, Stanislaw Gaykowsky, a poor violinist, coming to this country to seek his fortune with his bow. The sound of the music roused him and he stole up on deck to listen. Little by little he crept closer until at last he ventured to look in upon the banqueters. Dumb with astonishment at the sight of so much splendor and quite oblivious to the biting cold and to the sudden queer little stabs of pain which he felt now and then in his side, the Polish boy feasted his eyes on the gay scene. The banqueters were too busy enjoying the speeches and the songs to notice the pale, boyish face, with its shock of curly hair, and dark eyes, which stared in at them through a closed porthole. At midnight, when the celebration was over, and the lights in the saloon were put out, a deckhand found the violinist's body. He had been dead, the ship's surgeon said, for some hours.

HIS VAIN WISH. When he gets a chance to stand up and address an audience he seems to be perfectly happy. "Not perfectly happy. He can't help wishing that he was part of the audience at the same time, so that he might applaud himself."—Catholic Standard and Times.

KAISER MAY COME WOOING AMERICA

To Court Our Friendship for Alliance.

NOW OSTRACIZED IN EUROPE

Even Russia Is Listening to England and German Statesmen Have Visions of Trouble.

BERLIN, March 31.—An alliance with the United States is now said to be the Kaiser's fondest hope, after the Algeiras conference has proved how absolutely isolated Germany stands in Europe.

The preliminary arrangement which fills out the gap until a permanent commercial treaty between Germany and America can be concluded, and which assures the United States the privileges of the most favored nation, was the first step toward winning the friendship of the American people, and is to be followed by other friendly acts as fast as they can be devised.

Statesmen Now See Ghosts.

If he can bring about an alliance with the United States, the Kaiser feels that he can defy the other powers of the world while he and other German statesmen now see terrifying ghosts everywhere.

The time is long past when Germans could say, as did the late Prince Bismarck, in one of his famous speeches: "We Germans fear God and God only." The latest nightmare which disturbs the sleep of German diplomats is an Anglo-Russian agreement with France as a third partner.

Thanks to the diplomacy of King Edward, the breach between Russia and England which has existed for so many years is being closed and an arrangement is about to be made whereby Russia, against being given a free hand in certain countries north of India, binds herself not to lay plans against England's Asiatic empire.

Sore at Russia. Altogether the Kaiser feels that he has been shamefully treated by Russia in return for the many favors he has shown that country both during and after the Russo-Japanese war and which was repeatedly denounced by members of the Reichstag, who strongly objected to the German government doing what they called "performing bootblack service for the Czar."

When he was absorbed. "He's the most devout man in church, I never saw anyone who could be so absorbed in prayer." "Indeed? I never noticed it." "Probably not. I don't suppose you ever took up the collection."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Petitions From Women Have Congress on Run

Deluge From Persistent Fair Ones Includes Criticism From Pacific Coast of School Facilities in Washington City.

This is fast becoming a government of the women, for the women's views, and by the women's clubs, declared a Senator, after going through his daily list of letters, petitions, and memorials. "Strange," he commented, "that the men do the voting and elect us to these positions, while the women assume the duty of telling us afterward what they want us to do. The right of petition is apparently more prized than the right of suffrage. The women do the petitioning."

A few years ago, when the woman's club movement was sweeping the country, the question of its effects was on every tongue. The newspapers worried about it, and had editorials on its phases. The magazines were full of it. Everybody wondered what was to be the outcome.

Most Active of All.

The women's clubs, federated, amalgamated, consolidated, nationalized, organized, with general committees and advisory boards, of consulting agencies and investigating branches, are more active in efforts to shape public policies than any other agency in the nation today. He who declares that woman is unfitted for a part in government because she is not equipped by training and interest and studies for it, is taking long chances of being discredited. He doesn't know. Congress does. "Why," said the Senator, "if the women of the country would suddenly decide that they wanted the tariff revised or a rate bill passed, or the coal mines nationalized, we would have it before the men would wake up to know what had happened. The petitions from the women's clubs would do the work."

Here is an illustration. Some time ago a compulsory education bill for the District of Columbia was introduced and

discussed in this city. There was objection to putting immediately such a law into operation, on the ground that it would send too many children to school for the supply of school-house facilities and teachers. That struck the Washington women's clubs as all wrong.

From Many Miles Away. Just what they did, nobody knows. Presumably they appealed to the national federation, for the chain-letter scheme was set in motion. Here is a petition of which one Senator, a member of the Committee on the District of Columbia, has received about 150 copies from women's organizations in his home State, and his State is more than 1,500 miles from Washington.

"We have just heard that the Senate District Committee on February 2 laid the compulsory education bill for Washington on the table, on the ground that there are insufficient school accommodations. We understand that every Christian congregation in Washington would lend its Sunday school room for weekday sessions if our Senate District Committee and the local Board of Education provide the law and assign the teachers. It is a disgrace to every State and every American that children in our Capital City are not obliged to go to school. It does not make a favorable impression on foreigners, who do not tolerate such conditions in their own country. We are proud of our own school attendance law in this State, and we beg of you to see that the blessings of the American public school are put within reach of every child that must live in Washington."

Every member of the Senate Committee on the District has been flooded with such petitions. Many other Senators have received them in great numbers. The bill to which they referred passed the Senate March 8. It will pass the House this session if the women's clubs keep up their work. And they have never yet been known to quit.

TERRIBLE DISEASE EPIDEMIC IN GUAM

Gangra, Pronounced Worse Than Leprosy, Has Four Hundred Victims on the Island.

Gangra, a tropical disease more repulsive than leprosy, has become so prevalent upon the island of Guam that Lieutenant McNamee, U. S. N., the acting governor of the island, has recommended the establishment of a hospital for the isolation of the disease, which is believed to be highly contagious.

Admiral Rixey, the surgeon general of the navy, has approved the recommendation, and it is likely a \$500 hospital for cases of the new disease will be erected immediately near the leper hospital on the island.

Lieutenant McNamee says the disease destroys the upper part of the face and is more horrible, both to the victim and to his companions, than leprosy. As 400 cases have already developed Lieutenant McNamee says its isolation is imperative.

Naval surgeons have investigated the disease in parts of South America and the West Indies, and their reports indicate that there can be little doubt that it is a distinct malady, and one which does not yield to the treatment given tuberculosis, leprosy, and other diseases common in tropical countries. Cases of gangra have been treated in New York which are believed to have come from Brazil and Panama.

MATTER OF SUSPICION.

When it was announced that there would be a coal strike on April 1, it excited suspicion, and now when it is announced that there will not be a coal strike on April 1 some people are still inclined to feel a little nervous and doubtful. The trouble seems to be with the date.—Indianapolis News.

BELL TELEPHONE BRANCHING OUT

Immense Increase in Operation Shown by Report.

DOES IMMENSE BUSINESS

Facts Given Regarding Sale of One Hundred Million Dollars in Convertible Bonds.

President Frederick P. Fish in the annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company just issued shows that there were 2,528,715 Bell telephone stations in operation at the close of 1905, an increase of over half a million. The total mileage of wire in use for exchange and toll service was 6,942,518 miles, of which over a million and a quarter miles were added during the year.

During the year the Bell companies spent for new construction in exchanges and toll lines \$46,603,516, and for land and buildings \$4,177,390, a total of over fifty million dollars, as against \$31,619,109 in 1904. During the year the Bell companies handled a total daily average of 13,911,900 connections, or at the rate of about 4,679,000 a day, being fifty-four telephone calls for each man, woman and child in the United States.

The report states that this is the thirtieth year since the invention of the telephone, and the growth of the business has been greater than ever before. All the new money which comes into the business is invested in the plant. At the present there is in use in the system not less than 330,000,000 pounds of copper wire, 8,000,000 poles, and 95,000,000 feet of underground conduit. About 90 per cent of the exchange wire is in cables, and 54 per cent of the exchange wire is underground. The number of officers and employes has increased to 87,212.

The American Bell system of the United States now exceeds in number of subscribers, mileage of wire, and the extent of traffic the telephone systems of Great Britain and continental Europe combined.

The entire capitalization, including funded and floating debt of all the companies, including the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, is \$324,523,583, and the average capitalization per station, including the total cost of toll lines, is \$149, and excluding toll lines, \$105.

In presenting all the essential facts regarding the company to the stockholders, and through them to the public, the report gives not only a list of the stocks and bonds of the associated companies owned by the American company, but a graphic diagram of the growth of the business, the facts regarding the sale of \$100,000,000 convertible bonds, and the policy and immediate purposes of the management.

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An Exhibit of Spring Modes

Tomorrow's Offerings Include Some Exceptional Values

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<p>Women's Pony Jacket Suits Of gray and white stripe novelty cloth. Jacket lined with satin. Circular skirt. Value \$16.50.</p> <p>\$10.90 Special for one day only \$10.90</p>	<p>Novelty Silks Of all kinds, such as Printed Warp Silks, with neat checks, novelty checks, etc., etc. Over 7,000 yards.</p> <p>59c Worth \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 73c</p>	<p>Women's Lawn Waists White ground, black polka dot, tucked and lace trimmed front. Full sleeve, deep tucked cuff. Sizes 34 to 42.</p> <p>Value, 75c. 49c Special 49c</p>	
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<p>All-Wool Panama 49c Pretty medium gray All-wool Panama. The season's leading fabric; worth 69c. For a day, 49c.</p>	<p>All-Wool Batiste 39c 1,000 yards first quality. Cream Batiste. These retail everywhere at 50c, for a day, 39c yard.</p>	<p>All-Wool Crepe 50c For a day Light and Medium Gray Crepe de Chine, All-wool first quality. Worth 75c yard—50c.</p>	<p>Panama Voile 35c For Monday only, 10 pieces All-wool Black Voile, 36 inches wide. A good 50c value. Monday only, 35c yard.</p>	<p>Handkerchief Linen 33c 750 yards 36 inches wide White Handkerchief Linen, sheer quality, for Waists. Every thread pure linen. A genuine bargain at 50c.</p>	<p>China Matting \$5.98 \$9.00 Heavy China Matting; neatly colored and closely woven, black and stripe designs; 15 different styles. Roll.....</p>	<p>Silkoline 8 1/2c 12 1/2c Silkoline in a large variety of light and dark coloring; small or large figures; all perfect goods. Yard.....</p>	<p>Quilts \$1.29 \$1.75 extra size Satin Marseilles Quilt; six beautiful medallion and all-over designs; light in weight; launders perfectly.....</p>	<p>Women's Collars 9c 25 dozen embroidery and lace turnover collars; regular price 15c each. Special, each.....</p>	<p>Dressing Sacques 98c Of sheer white lawn; close fitting back; deep collar, daintily trimmed with lace beading and ribbon; sizes 34-44. Regular price, \$1.48. Special price.....</p>	<p>Women's Underwear 25c Women's summer Ribbed Vests; low neck and no sleeves; 12 1/2c and 15c value. Special tomorrow, 3 for.....</p>	<p>Waist Linen 39c 36-inch fine quality Irish Linen for Waists; very sheer and perfectly woven. 50c quality; for.....</p>	<p>Ribbons, 39c 50c All-silk Dresden Ribbon; beautifully shaded and designed; 6 inches wide.</p>	<p>Short Kimonos 98c Of crepe, in light blue, pink, red, and lavender; yoke back and front; edged with rich Persian trimmings. Sizes 34-44. Regular price \$1.45. Special.....</p>	<p>Women's Underwear 19c Women's Summer Ribbed Pants; lace trimmed around bottom; 25c and 35c value. Tomorrow each.....</p>	<p>Suiting Linen 39c 36-in. heavy weave round thread Irish Suiting Linen; 50c quality; for.....</p>	<p>Toweling 10c 18-inch Pure Linen Plaid Glass Toweling; 12 1/2c quality; for, a yard.....</p>	<p>Umbrellas 98c Of silk gloria; for men and women; a variety of handles. Instead of \$1.50.....</p>	<p>Umbrellas \$1.89 Of silk gloria; for men and women; handles of sterling horn, gun metal and boxwood. Instead of \$2.50.....</p>	<p>Writing Paper 15c Cloth finish; white, blue, gray, and helle; ruled or plain, 100 sheets to pound.....</p>	<p>Writing Paper 19c Shetland linen; cloth finish; 24 sheets and 24 envelopes; in a box.....</p>	<p>Black Serge 49c All-wool Black Storm Serge, 43 inches wide. 69c value. For Monday only, special, 49c yard.</p>	<p>Chiffon Voile 12 1/2c This beautiful 25c Mercerized Chiffon Voile, 28 inches wide, in light blue, pink, gray, champagne, red, tan, Alice, navy, and royal blue, light green, yellow, onion, golf, sage, helio, cream, and white—for street and evening wear. Tomorrow, 12 1/2c yard.</p>	<p>Suitings 69c 56-inch Mixed Panama Suitings, mostly gray effects, \$1.00 value. Monday only, 69c yard.</p>	<p>Dress Trimming 5c Beautiful Dress Trimmings, choice patterns in Persian Plain and Combination effects. 15c and 35c regularly.</p>	<p>Dress Trimming 15c Persian Bands, Silk Applique—Novelty Braids. Regularly 50c to 75c.</p>
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Heatherbloom Taffeta Petticoats
Reproduces the luster, sheen, soft swish, and rustle of silk. A number of beautiful styles in desirable shades and black. Full circular and umbrella flounce, finished with rows of fine shirring, hemstitching, and tucks; foundation and dust ruffle. Length, 38, 40, 42. Regularly, \$3.98. Special..... **\$2.98**

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